

Utah Interagency Fire Information

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Bureau of Land Management



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FIRE RESTRICTIONS RESCINDED THROUGHOUT MUCH OF UTAH

(Salt Lake City) – Just in time for the long holiday weekend fire restrictions throughout most of Utah will be lifted. Fire officials are rescinding fire restrictions on all federal, state and unincorporated private lands with the exception of certain counties in northwestern Utah and a section of BLM land on the Colorado River corridor.

As of 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, August 29, 2007, fire restrictions will remain in effect only on state, unincorporated private lands and Bureau of Land Management lands in Tooele County and west of Interstate 15 in Utah and Box Elder counties. However, agricultural burning will be permitted in those counties. Fire restrictions will also remain in effect on the Colorado River from Dewey Bridge on Highway 128 to the west end of Highway 279 within ¼ mile of the river. No National Forest lands will remain in restriction.

“While increased moisture and cooler temperatures have reduced the fire danger throughout most of the state people still need to be careful,” said State Forester Dick Buehler. “Wildland fire remains a distinct risk until the first frost in fall.”

Fire restrictions remaining in effect prohibit the following acts:

1. Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fire of any kind, except campfires within approved fire pits and grills provided for, in improved campgrounds, picnic areas, and permanently improved places of habitation, or except as otherwise authorized. Devices fueled by petroleum or liquid propane gas (LPG) products are allowed in all locations.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, camp trailer, or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared to mineral soil.
3. Discharging, or using any kind of fireworks, tracer ammunition, or other incendiary devices in any location on federal, state, and unincorporated private lands. (Note that these acts are always prohibited on Federal Lands.)

All other fire restrictions, or necessary exemptions to the restrictions, will be handled through local “permits” issued by the responsible agency for that purpose. This order does not affect incorporated towns and cities.

For more information on fire restrictions go to utahfireinfo.gov.

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